Rate of interest on EPF

2476. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:
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SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to offer different rates of interest to workers on Employees' Provident Fund with different EPF deposits, the rate being higher for lower deposits below a certain level;

(b) if so, the details of the new scheme; and

(c) what is the reaction of different national labour unions thereto?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise, in view of (a) above.

Growth rate of unemployment

2477. SHRI MATILALSARKAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the growth rate of unemployment is lesser than the growth rate of population in the country.

(b) whether it is also a fact that the percentage of the landless is on the increase from year to year; if so, the percentage-wise details thereof;

(c) the effective measures contemplated by Government to contain the problem of unemployment and those of the landless persons?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) As per the estimates available from employment and unemployment surveys of National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO), unemployment rate during 1993-94 and 1999-2000 was around 1.90% and 2.23% respectively. As per the Census 2001, growth rate of population during 1991-2001 was around 2.13% per annum.